

Meek (FL)	Rangel	Smith (WA)
Melancon	Rehberg	Snyder
Mica	Reichert	Space
Michaud	Reyes	Speier
Miller (FL)	Richardson	Spratt
Miller (MI)	Rodriguez	Stark
Miller (NC)	Roe (TN)	Stearns
Miller, Gary	Rogers (AL)	Sullivan
Miller, George	Rogers (KY)	Sutton
Minnick	Rogers (MI)	Tanner
Mitchell	Rohrabacher	Taylor
Mollohan	Rooney	Teague
Moore (KS)	Ros-Lehtinen	Terry
Moore (WI)	Roskam	Thompson (CA)
Moran (KS)	Ross	Thompson (MS)
Moran (VA)	Roybal-Allard	Thompson (PA)
Murphy (CT)	Royce	Thornberry
Murphy (NY)	Ruppersberger	Tiahrt
Murphy, Tim	Rush	Tiberi
Myrick	Ryan (OH)	Tierney
Nadler (NY)	Ryan (WI)	Titus
Napolitano	Sanchez, Loretta	Tonko
Neal (MA)	Sarbanes	Tsongas
Neugebauer	Scalise	Turner
Nye	Schakowsky	Upton
Oberstar	Schauer	Van Hollen
Obey	Schiff	Visclosky
Olson	Schmidt	Walden
Olver	Schock	Walz
Ortiz	Schrader	Wasserman
Pastor (AZ)	Schwartz	Schultz
Paulsen	Scott (GA)	Waters
Pence	Scott (VA)	Watson
Perlmutter	Sensenbrenner	Watt
Perriello	Serrano	Waxman
Peters	Sessions	Weiner
Peterson	Sestak	Welch
Petri	Shadegg	Westmoreland
Pitts	Shea-Porter	Wexler
Platts	Sherman	Whitfield
Poe (TX)	Shimkus	Wilson (OH)
Polis (CO)	Shuler	Wilson (SC)
Pomeroy	Shuster	Wolf
Posey	Simpson	Woolsey
Price (NC)	Skelton	Wu
Putnam	Slaughter	Yarmuth
Quigley	Smith (NE)	Young (AK)
Radanovich	Smith (NJ)	Young (FL)
Rahall	Smith (TX)	

NOT VOTING—39

Abercrombie	Grijalva	Price (GA)
Ackerman	Gutierrez	Rothman (NJ)
Barrett (SC)	Hall (NY)	Salazar
Berry	Holt	Sánchez, Linda
Blumenauer	Kratovil	T.
Brady (PA)	Meeks (NY)	Sires
Cantor	Murphy, Patrick	Souder
Capuano	Murtha	Stupak
Conyers	Nunes	Towns
Davis (AL)	Pallone	Velázquez
Davis (TN)	Pascarell	Wamp
Deal (GA)	Paul	Wittman
Frank (MA)	Payne	
Gordon (TN)	Pingree (ME)	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining in the vote.

□ 1758

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, on November 3, 2009, I was unable to cast votes due to personal reasons. I was not present for rollcall votes 835 through 840. Had I been present, I would have cast a "yea" vote for final passage of H.R. 3949. I would have cast a "yea" vote for final passage of H. Res. 398. I would have cast a "yea" vote for final passage of H. Res. 866. I would have cast a "nay" vote for the final passage of H. Res. 867. I would have cast a "yea" vote for final

passage of H.R. 3157. Also, I would have cast a "yea" vote for H. Res. 736.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably absent yesterday and today from this Chamber. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 832 through 840.

□ 1800

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CUELLAR). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later.

RECOGNIZING 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF RADIO FREE EUROPE/RADIO LIBERTY

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 641) recognizing the 60th anniversary of the founding of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 641

Whereas Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL) was founded in 1949 by the National Committee for a Free Europe with the mission to promote democratic values and institutions by broadcasting unbiased and factual information and ideas to audiences behind the communist "Iron Curtain", and transmitted its first program to the former Czechoslovakia on July 4, 1950;

Whereas many Central European and Russian leaders, including Vaclav Havel of the Czech Republic, and the late Boris Yeltsin of the Russian Federation, have testified to the important role RFE/RL broadcasts played in ending the Cold War;

Whereas the former President of Estonia, Lennart Meri, nominated RFE/RL for the Nobel Peace Prize in 1991;

Whereas Nobel laureate and former President of Poland, Lech Walesa, testified to the role played by RFE/RL in Poland's struggle for freedom when he stated that its influence "cannot even be described. Would there be earth without the sun?";

Whereas RFE/RL programs were so comprehensive that communist authorities relied on secret transcripts of the broadcasts for information they could not obtain from the local media they themselves controlled;

Whereas RFE/RL was subjected to efforts to undermine its operations through offensive actions launched by communist regimes and intended to discredit the broadcasts;

Whereas the Soviet KGB and Warsaw Pact intelligence services penetrated the radio stations with their spies, jailed sources, and even resorted to violence in attempts to intimidate RFE/RL staff;

Whereas RFE/RL Bulgarian Service correspondent Georgi Markov was murdered in

London in 1978, evidently by the Bulgarian communist intelligence service;

Whereas the Romanian communist security service detonated a bomb at RFE/RL's headquarters in Munich, West Germany, in 1981, critically injuring six employees;

Whereas today, after having played a significant role in the collapse of communism in the former Soviet Union, RFE/RL continues to provide news, information, and open discussion of domestic and international issues to countries where free and independent media are not permitted, or are not yet fully established;

Whereas RFE/RL is available via FM, AM, shortwave and satellite radio, and employs a range of newer technologies including SMS text messaging, Facebook, Twitter, and other interactive social media;

Whereas RFE/RL broadcasts in 28 languages to 30 million listeners in Eastern and Southeastern Europe, Russia, the Caucasus, the Middle East, and Central and Southwest Asia;

Whereas during the June 2009 presidential election in Iran, RFE/RL's "Radio Farda" provided 24 hour news coverage of the post-election protests;

Whereas beginning in 2002, RFE/RL began "Radio Azadi", reaching nearly 50 percent of the Afghan people in the Pashto and Dari languages and making RFE/RL the largest international broadcaster in Afghanistan;

Whereas in August 2009, RFE/RL's Radio Azadi hosted a historic presidential debate featuring President Hamid Karzai and his two top opponents, the first ever in Afghanistan's to feature an incumbent Afghan President;

Whereas in early 2010, RFE/RL will begin Pashto language broadcasting to the Afghanistan-Pakistan border region, including the Swat Valley, promoting democratic values and institutions by providing the people of the region a source of independent and factual media to compete in the battle of ideas with those radical elements that have disrupted the peace in the Afghan-Pakistan border region;

Whereas RFE/RL employees and freelance journalists are subject to intimidation and oppression by the authorities of regimes in many countries to which RFE/RL broadcasts; and

Whereas RFE/RL has a proven history of promoting freedom and liberty in oppressive and autocratic regimes through news broadcasts based upon the principle that the first requirement of democracy is a well-informed citizenry: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes the 60th anniversary of the founding of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL) and honors its contribution to promoting freedom and liberty around the world; and

(2) commends the employees and reporters of RFE/RL for their commitment to provide fair and unbiased news to people living under oppressive regimes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. BERMAN) and the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) each will control 20 minutes. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the resolution under consideration.